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**19 Arrested for DUI over 4<sup>th</sup> of July Weekend**  
***5 checkpoints scheduled for coming weekend***

**Dover** - Delaware Law enforcement officers arrested 19 individuals for Driving Under the Influence (DUI) of alcohol over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday weekend. This brings the total number of people arrested during the first two weeks of the 2008 “Checkpoint Strikeforce” campaign to 39.

Three sobriety checkpoints were conducted last weekend (July 4 – 5). Participating agencies included Delaware State Police Troop 1, the New Castle County DUI Task Force and the Milford Police Department.

In addition to the 19 DUI arrests, officers issued six citations for underage drinking violations, apprehended 5 wanted individuals, made 6 drug arrests, 5 felony arrests, and issued 15 seat belt and three child restraint citations as well as 74 citations for various other traffic violations.

For the coming weekend (July 11 – 12) five sobriety checkpoints are scheduled:

Friday July 11 – Wilmington (NcCo DUI Task Force)

Dover (Dover Police)

Central Kent County (DSP Troop 3)

Saturday July 12 – Fenwick Island (DSP Troop 4)

Smyrna (joint Smyrna/Clayton PDs)

Now in its seventh year, “Checkpoint Strikeforce” is a multi-state crackdown on impaired drivers coordinated locally by the Delaware Office of Highway Safety. Participating law enforcement agencies are conducting weekly DUI checkpoints through New Year’s Eve, and monthly checkpoints in the spring, all with the goal of deterring impaired drivers and arresting DUI offenders.

“*Checkpoint Strikeforce*” is also one of the three major safety initiatives under the “120 Days of Summer HEAT” campaign targeting violators of Delaware’s traffic laws. Traffic deaths kill and injure Delawareans nearly twice as often as violent crimes.

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